

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed March 13, 2006. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 1 – 7, 10 – 12, 15 – 16, 19 - 20 and 26 are pending. In particular, Applicant has added claim 26. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Office Action indicates that claims 1 – 7, 10 – 12, 19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Maus*. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

In this regard, *Maus* does not appear to be involved with a services system that includes an image-capturing device, much less an image-capturing device that functions in the manner recited in the pending claims. Notably, with respect to the rejection of claims 10 – 12, the Office Action alleges that a “photo system” is inherent in the teachings of *Maus*. Specifically, the Office Action states:

With regard to claims 10 – 12, Maus et al. inherently discloses “services system includes a photo system” since the hospital has a variety of system including a photo system for capturing images or photographs of patients. Based on the location of the user (an emergency medical technician) located remotely from a hospital, a relevant data can be provided from the hospital.

(Office Action at page 4).

As best understood, Applicant respectfully disagrees with this contention of the Office Action. That is, Applicant respectfully disagrees that *Maus* inherently involves a photo system that functions in the manner recited in the pending claims. If this particular contention is maintained in a subsequent Action, Applicant respectfully requests that this aspect be thoroughly presented in a manner that is readily discernible, as the basis for the foregoing contention as presently set forth is confusing.

In this regard, claim 1 recites:

1. An identification service system for providing information to a user, said identification service system comprising:
a first identification device having a locator and a transmitter, said locator being configured to facilitate determining a location of said first identification device, said first identification device being further configured to store identification information, said identification information corresponding to a first user, *said transmitter being configured to transmit information associated with the location of said first identification device and identification information corresponding to the first user to a services system such that the services system provides information to the first user via said first identification device based, at least in part, on the location of said first identification device, said services system comprising an image capturing device.*

(Emphasis Added).

Applicant respectfully asserts that *Maus* is legally deficient for the purpose of anticipating claim 1. In particular, Applicant respectfully asserts that *Maus* does not teach or otherwise disclose at least the features/limitations emphasized above in claim 1. That is, Applicant respectfully asserts that *Maus* does not involve an image-capturing device as recited in claim 1. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 1 be removed and that claim 1 be placed in condition for allowance.

Since claims 2 – 7, 10 – 12, 19 and 20 are dependent claims that incorporate all the features/limitations of claim 1, and are not otherwise rejected in the Action, Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims also are in condition for allowance. Additionally, these claims recite other features/limitations that can serve as an independent basis for patentability. By way of example, claim 6 additionally recites:

6. The identification service system of claim 1, further comprising:
a second identification device configured to communicate with said services system, said second identification device having a locator and a transmitter, said locator being configured to facilitate determining a location of said second identification device, said second identification device being further configured to store identification information, said identification information corresponding to a second user, said transmitter being configured to transmit information associated with the location of said second

identification device and identification information corresponding to the second user to said services system such that said service interaction system provides information to the second user based, at least in part, on the location of said second identification device; and

wherein said image-capturing device is configured to simultaneously capture image data corresponding to the location of said first identification device and said second identification device.

(Emphasis Added).

Applicant respectfully asserts that this claim clearly is in condition for allowance because *Maus* is not involved with the features emphasized above. Notably, Applicant has reviewed the Office Action and is unable to locate any mention of at least this aspect of claim 6 as being met by a teaching of *Maus*. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that claim 6 be placed in condition for allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Office Action indicates that claims 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Maus* in view of *Aslandogan*. Applicant respectfully traverses.

In particular, Applicant respectfully asserts that *Aslandogan* is legally deficient, in that it does not remedy the aforementioned inadequacies of *Maus*. Specifically, *Aslandogan* does not teach or reasonably suggest the use of an image-capturing device in the manner recited in the pending claims. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 15 and 16 be removed and that the pending claims be placed in condition for allowance.

Newly Added Claims

In this response, Applicant has added new claim 26. No new matter has been added. Further, the addition of this claim should not properly require a new search as the features recited therein should have been searched previously. Applicant respectfully asserts that

claim 26 is in condition for allowance for at least the reason that claim 26 is a dependent claim that incorporates the features of claim 1, the allowability of which is set forth above.

Additionally, claim 26 recites:

26. The identification service system of claim 1, further comprising:
a services system configured to communicate with said first identification device, said services system having an image-capturing device and being configured to receive information associated with the location of said first identification device such that said image-capturing device is operative to automatically capture image data corresponding to the location of said first identification device.

(Emphasis Added).

Applicant respectfully asserts that *Maus* and *Aslandogan* do not teach or reasonably suggest at least the features emphasized above in claim 26. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 26 is in condition for allowance.

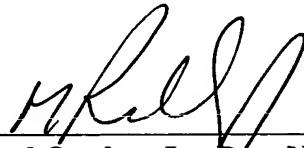
Cited Art Made of Record

The cited art made of record has been considered, but is not believed to affect the patentability of the presently pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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